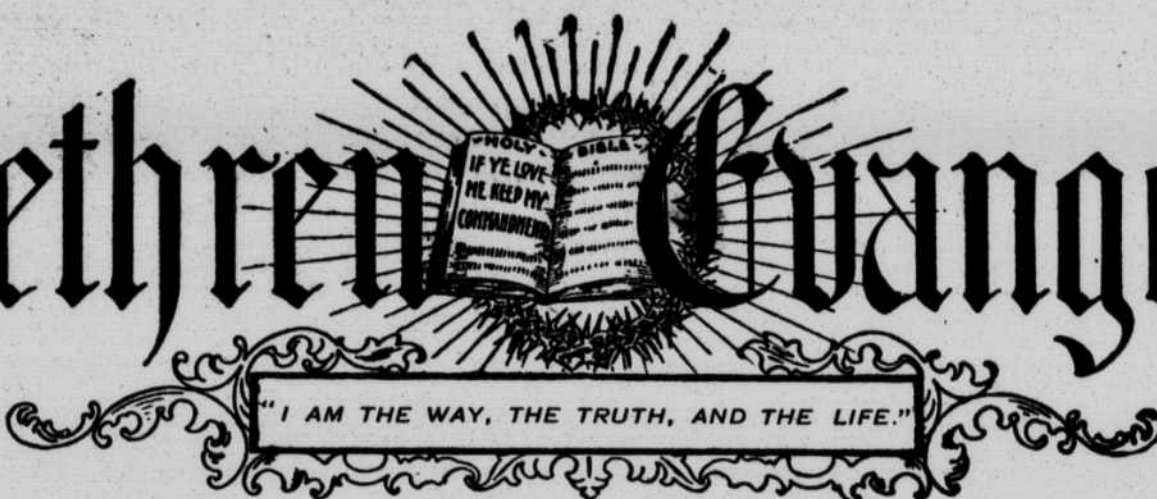


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Editorial Briefs.

SEND in your orders for the Almanac at once. You cannot afford to be without this book.

LET there be one united effort for 3,000 subscribers. Remember that this means a larger paper and a larger paper is much needed. Shall we have it? As soon as we reach 3,000.

UP TO DATE all orders for Sunday-school literature have been filled. We have only a very limited number of quarterlies left. It is possible that every one will be sold.

ALMOST five full pages are given this week to church news. This of course crowds out other matter, including some editorial matter, but church news is of very little interest to people after it is several weeks old, and for this reason we rush it out.

SEND for sample copies of "Rally Song," by C. F. Yoder. We have printed ten thousand of these songs and will send you twenty-five copies for five cents. This song has been specially prepared for King's Children, C. E. societies and their use will put new life into your services. Per hundred, fifteen cents.

IN renewing your subscription to the EVANGELIST do not forget to send twenty-five cents for a year's subscription to *King's Children's*. You get both for \$1.25. This is 25 cents less than you formerly paid for the EVANGELIST alone. You can easily afford to subscribe for both papers now that the price has been reduced.

SEND in your subscriptions at once. Please remember that the price is one dollar cash in advance. We hope our people will appreciate this reduction in price and not ask us for time on their subscriptions. The paper can be printed at \$1.00 if no charges need be made on the books, but on these conditions only.

THE people of Indiana are trying to raise \$500 for Home Mission work. This is very commendable and the effort should have hearty support of every member of the Brethren Church in Indiana. Always support your home work. Brother S. S. Hoffman is president of the Home Mission Board and will do all he can to push the work. Let the church unitedly stand by the Board and success will reward the effort.

HAVE you organized a Missionary Circle in your church? Do so at once and begin the course of reading. The literature for the Circle, prepared by C. F. Yoder, has been ready for some time. The same was shipped to him almost three weeks ago, but has been delayed on the way. We have sent a tracer after it and no doubt by this time Brother Yoder is prepared to fill all orders promptly. The work is educational and should be taken up by all who can possibly do so. Organize a Circle the beginning of the year and you will be amply repaid for all your labor.

It is somewhat surprising to find these words in the *Gospel Messenger*: "The time is coming, and not far distant, when the ministry of our church will stand abreast in literary attainments with the other churches, and, having nothing but the old, simple and primitive Gospel to preach and advocate, they ought to be a great power for good in the world. This we need and must have. O, for a larger interpretation of the ministry of the Christian church! Brethren, we must profess less or do more—which?" Fifteen years ago there were people in the German Baptist church who believed and taught the same thing, and as a result of their belief, they are not in that church to day. We are pleased to learn that the leaders in the G. B. church have become willing to accept and teach the principles for which some have suffered ostracism. We always welcome signs of progress whatever their source may be.

WE regret very much that we were compelled to substitute another paper instead of *Cheering Words*, for the first two Sundays in January. We are so crowded with work that we could not possibly print these two numbers of *Cheering Words*. It is to be hoped that the paper supplied will give good satisfaction.

SISTER Frank Heiney renews her subscription to the paper and adds one dollar with which to send the paper to some poor person. This is praiseworthy and the example should be followed by others. We have started a fund to be used to send the paper to those who are too poor to pay for it. We have now five applicants and we have positive assurance that they belong to the worthy poor and deserve the paper sent to them free. The dollar sent by this sister pays for one of them. Who will pay for another? Here is an opportunity to do something that will merit the reward of Jesus: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

THE contents of the Brethren Almanac are as follows: 1. A complete Family Almanac. 2. A Digest of the minutes of all the National Conferences beginning with the year 1882. 3. The Washington Mission. 4. Sister's Society of C. E. by Sister Grossnickle. 5. The King's Children, by J. O. Talley. 6. Epitomized report of the last Indiana Conference, by C. F. Yoder. 7. A Digest of the Kanemorado District Conference minutes since the time of its organization, by J. R. Keller. 8. A Digest of the minutes of the Illiokota Conferences, by Z. T. Livengood. 9. A table of very valuable statistics. 10. An Open Letter, by C. F. Yoder. 11. A brief Biography of elder J. B. Wampler, with portrait. 12. Interesting Missionary statistics. 13. Ten Objective Points. 14. A corrected List of the Names of all the Ministers in the Brethren Church. Every family in the church should have this Annual. Price, ten cents. Per dozen, \$1.00.